

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
A B S T R A C T

**Public Services** – A.P. Secretariat Service – Assistant Section Officers (SC) and Section Officers (SC) appointed on promotion as Section Officers (Genl) and Assistant Secretaries to Government respectively – **Protection of Pay** – Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.B) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Ms.No. 95**

**Date:2-3-2009.**

**O R D E R:**

The Strictly Confidential Wing of Secretariat has been constituted with specific purpose to deal with sensitive, confidential and important subjects. Keeping in view the duties and the higher responsibilities attached to the posts, higher scales of pay are assigned to the posts of A.S.O (SC) and S.O (SC). The A.S.Os and S.Os of Single Unit cannot be posted in S.C. wing against their willingness. The posts are filled in with the staff selected through a transparent procedure by calling for willingness of suitable candidates from all the departments of Single Unit and through a written examination as per the Special Rules governing these posts.

2. It is found that the number of candidates opting for Strictly Confidential wing has come down and as a result the choice in selecting suitable candidates has been on the decline. This aspect has been reviewed and it is found that though the officers are coming to S.C. wing on promotion, their pay has not been protected in the event of their promotion to the next higher category in Single Unit. In the absence of pay fixation benefit, the S.C. Wing which used to be the talented hub of willing and hardworking officers, had become a lesser opted destination for committed officers.

3. Further, the Strictly Confidential Wing which is working directly under the control of Secretary (Political) and Chief Secretary under the charge of the Chief Minister, is expected to be equipped with efficient staff keeping in view the special, arduous and sensitive nature of work being carried out in the wing. Therefore, to attract competent and efficient staff to the S.C. wing, it is found necessary to give financial incentives to the staff working in S.C. Wing by way of protection of pay on their promotion to the next higher category. This will ensure that more and more efficient candidates will come forward to work in the S.C.Wing and the very purpose of having a specialized Strictly Confidential Wing is fully served.

4. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the pay drawn by the Assistant Section Officers (SC) and Section Officers (SC) on their promotion as Section Officer (Genl) and Asst.Secretary to Government respectively in Single Unit, shall be protected subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The pay fixation benefit will be extended to only those A.S.Os (SC) and S.Os(SC) who worked in S.C. Wing **for a minimum period of two (2) years and leave the S.C.Wing on promotion only;**
- (b) The pay fixation benefit shall be extended to the A.S.Os and S.Os of S.C. Wing **who are working as on 1-9-2008 and onwards.** They have to put in two years of service in S.C. Wing for claiming Pay Protection. The cut-off-date for

determining the two years period will be the panel year. No retrospective claim should be entertained, i.e. **this facility is to be implemented prospectively from this panel year i.e. from 1-9-2008;**

- (c) **No A.S.O (SC) and S.O (SC) of S.C. Wing shall hold any position in any Association** whether recognized or un-recognized. If any of the staff member is already holding any such position, **he/she shall quit** the same within a period of one month from the date of issue of this order. **Otherwise, they shall be repatriated to Single Unit;**
- (d) The Pay fixation benefit is extended to only those who are working in the sections of S.C.Wing. **It shall not be extended to Officers who have gone on deputation to the Peshis of Ministers / Advisors etc;**
- (e) **No Officer of S.C. Wing will participate in any strike** or in any agitational activities and if an Officer participates, he/she shall be disqualified to continue in S.C. Wing and he/she shall be repatriated to Single Unit; and
- (f) The selection will be through a fair and transparent method, such as the written examination being conducted at present.

5. It is further ordered that the above said facility will be implemented initially for a period of one year and reviewed in March, 2010 again.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FR-II) Department vide their U.O.No. 1746/124/FR-II/09, dt: 26-2-2009.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (POLL)

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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

**SECTION OFFICER (SC)**